



REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of May 9th, 2005

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

<div>Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force</div> <div> <p>On May 11, 2005, members of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) and the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG) arrested OCDETF fugitive Deron Gatling at a home in Chamblee, Georgia. Gatling was wanted by the U.S. Marshals and the DEA in the Eastern District of Missouri for conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute cocaine, cocaine base, and ecstasy.</p> </div>	<div> <p>“Black Mafia Family” gang</p>  <p>Deron Gatling</p> <p>Wanted for Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Cocaine, Cocaine Base, and Ecstasy</p> </div>
<div>Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force</div> <div> <p>On May 11, 2005, Michael Wilson was arrested in Indianapolis, Indiana by members of the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRTF) for attempted murder. It is alleged that Wilson had gone on a killing spree on Indianapolis’ west side, killing three and injuring another individual. The case was adopted by GLRFTF and on May 11, 2005, investigators were able to develop a possible address for Wilson. GLRFTF personnel proceeded to the target residence and observed Wilson in a rear driveway. It was later learned that Wilson was preparing to depart the area to avoid arrest. Wilson reentered the residence and investigators moved in and placed Wilson in custody without incident.</p> </div>	<div>  <p>Michael Wilson</p> <p>Wanted for Attempted Murder</p> </div>

### **New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force**

The NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force, together with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents, arrested Sergio Khorosh on May 9, 2005. The investigation began last month when agents in San Francisco intercepted a package from Taiwan which contained 100 counterfeit U.S. Marshals badges. The package was addressed to an Internet-based company located in the Bronx, New York owned by Khorosh. After Khorosh accepted delivery of the package, Task Force members with ICE agents executed a search warrant on his apartment where more than 1,000 counterfeit badges were seized, depicting 35 different federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. The law enforcement badges which were very sophisticated included: the U.S. Marshals Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Secret Service, the Federal Air Marshals, Aviation Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the New York Police Department, the U.S. Army Military Police, and the U.S. Marine Corps Military Police. Also seized was a small arsenal which included six firearms, as well as several laser scopes, law enforcement uniforms, police radios, scanners, and four computers. Over \$16,000 in U.S. currency, as well as a quantity of marijuana and cocaine was also confiscated. Khorosh has been charged with unlawful possession, sale and transportation of counterfeit law enforcement badges, and illegal weapons possession. The arrest has raised several red flags with regard to national security. An investigation is currently underway to determine whether the badges were being supplied to police impersonators or to possible terrorists.



**Sergio Khorosh**

**Wanted for Unlawful Possession, Sale, and Transportation of Counterfeit Law Enforcement Badges and Illegal Weapons Possession**



### **Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On May 11, 2005, members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF) and deputy marshals from the Central District of California located and arrested Victor J. Cruz, wanted by the California Department of Corrections for parole violation. The investigation revealed Cruz was residing at an apartment with his girlfriend in Los Angeles, California. Task Force investigators conducting surveillance observed Cruz and his girlfriend in a vehicle, returning to the residence. After the Task Force investigators identified themselves, the girlfriend complied and exited the vehicle, however; Cruz, who appeared to be under the influence, refused and became combatant. Cruz attempted to grab a handgun he had in his front pocket, however, Task Force members quickly subdued Cruz before he could use the weapon. Seized from Cruz during the arrest was 5 ounces of methamphetamine, crack cocaine, and powder cocaine. In addition to the California Parole Violation, Cruz will be charged federally with possession of crack cocaine, felon in possession of a firearm during a drug trafficking offense and assault on federal officers.



**Victor Cruz**

**Wanted for Parole Violation**

## Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

On May 12, 2005, Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) investigators in Maryland received a call for emergency assistance from the U.S. Parole and Probation office to arrest Fernando Morris who was on parole for distribution of cocaine and had violated his parole. Morris had tested positive for PCP and cocaine and failed to keep appointments with his psychiatrist. Morris, who has a history of violence, including arrests for armed assault and stabbing his mother, had also been ordered by the Courts to be held in a mental health facility on several occasions. Morris, who is 6'6", 290 lbs, made calls to his parole officer and the Probation office stating that he was going to die and was not going alone, and that he would do harm to responding law enforcement. CARFTF investigators located Morris on the morning of Friday, May 13, and after verifying his presence, made a tactical entry into the apartment. Morris' wife was immediately removed from the apartment but Morris grabbed a knife and held a CARFTF investigator at bay for about 45 minutes, making several requests to be killed by CARFTF members. The apartment building was secured and nearby apartments were evacuated, while investigators negotiated with Morris. After about 45 minutes of negotiation, Morris surrendered and was taken into custody. No one was injured in this incident.



**Fernando Morris**

**Wanted for Parole  
Violation for  
Distribution of  
Cocaine**